



Creating ePubs from InDesign 5.5

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1 day hands-on class — Intermediate course

Requires experience working with InDesign 4.0 or higher

Requires experience working with a Macintosh

Course Outline

What is ePub?

- Examining the ePub specification
- Examples of existing ePub documents
- Software and hardware solutions
- What works and what doesn't

Exploring an ePub package

- How to open the package
- Structure of content
- XHTML pages
- CSS definitions
- Software in the marketplace

Document flow

- Understanding document flow
- Ways to overcome document flow issues
- Creating a front cover - options available
- Anchoring content inside the document flow
- Options for document and article flow

Producing design content

- Grouping elements
- Adding elements to articles panel
- Keeping content together

Adding text styles

- Overview of paragraph styles
- Overview of character styles
- Using Find/Change to overcome widowed styles

Images

- Defining measurements
- Examine suggested image sizes
- Full page images
- Controlling behavior of images

Creating a Table of Contents (TOC)

- Defining document structure
- Creating a TOC style
- Generating a TOC
- Updating a TOC

Fonts

- Issues surrounding fonts
- Embedded or defaulting
- Export options for fonts

Creating a book

- Adding documents into a book
- Rearranging document order
- Synchronize styles
- Controlling chapter layout order

Export to ePub

- Document Metadata
- Cover
- Ordering
- Formatting options
- Image preservation (and overrides)
- CSS options
- Viewing options
- Display in Adobe Digital Editions (ADE)

Cracking open the ePub

- Options
- Expand and compress (.zip)

Options for fine-tuning

- Opening ePub XHTML files
- Opening ePub CSS files
- Making edits

Validation and cleanup

- Validating your ePub
- Fixing validation problems
- Distribute